

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: ROTH, Ray; LAKING, Rodger  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of **September 22, 2009**, Applicant respectfully submits this response along with a petition for a three month extension of time. A Request for Continued Examination is also submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.